

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole/joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled,
« Method and installation for laser welding with a N2/He gas mixture, the N2/He content being controlled according to the laser power »

the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto
or
☐ was filed on _____ as
Application Number _____
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

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- ☒ was described and claimed in International Application No. FR02/04175,
filed on December 4, 2002
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any

PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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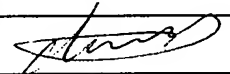
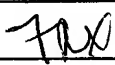
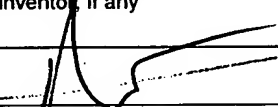
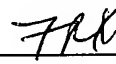
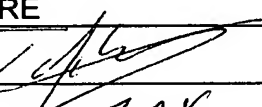
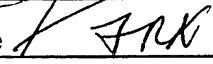
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